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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). The documents were recently cited in the enclosed European Search Report, which is dated December 15, 2003. A photocopy of the foreign language patent document also is enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

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this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.


CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information and that an annotated copy of the citation form be returned indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
<b>2000-75752</b>	<b>03/14/00</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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